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Teenagers Eulogize Governor Patterson

Oregon's teenagers lost a good friend on January 31, 1956, when their governor, Paul Patterson, died in Portland of a coronary occlusion.

The last visit paid to Astoria high school by Governor Patterson was on December 7, 1955, when he spoke to the student body on the education problems of the nation. The ovation he received shook the rafters of Patriot's hall and was typical of teenagers' reactions to this personable governor.

Stepping stones in Governor Patterson's career included graduation from the University of Oregon, District Attorney, City Attorney, State Senator and 1952 Governor of Oregon.

Many Fishermen will remember the governor, each in his own special way.

"I'm sure we (the basketball team and members of the yell squads) will never forget his taking time to stop and talk to us in the lobby of the hotel where we stayed in North Bend. He was really interested to hear how our team was doing and wished us luck in the game," was the comment of Darlene Aho.

Charles Laman, AHS typing instructor, said: "Several years ago while I was serving on the Yamhill County Circuit Court jury, Governor Patterson, at that time in private law practice, appeared as counsel in court several times. His treatment of opposing witnesses was outstanding that he never ridiculed them, but always tried his best to see that each was treated fairly and that justice was done."

There are many students who never had the chance to talk to the Governor privately but who, nevertheless, thought a great deal of him. Judy Olsen remembered: "A year ago, during the world series, there was double excitement around AHS because of the games and even more because of the impending visit of the governor. Imagine our surprise when a white haired man with rosy cheeks popped his head in the door and said, 'Say, kids, what's the score?" That was Governor Patterson. Desnite the fact that I saw him on several later occasions. I'll always remember that smile and friendly greeting when I think of him."

A man like Governor Patterson, a man of honesty and integrity, a man with a keen sense of fair play and an intense interest in the younger generation is a rare find today. He has left us, the future leaders of America, a fine pattern—a pattern of freedom and honesty. Nothing would please him more than to know that he had set an example that we intend to follow.

Happy Birthday!

February 14, when Cupid shoots his minute arrows of love and when cities don the decorative red hearts, Oregon celebrates her 97th birthday.

Oregon has seen the women taxpayers given rights. Oregon has seen the Bonneville dam dedicated. Oregon has celebrated her first centennial, then her sesquicentennial, and now she will celebrate her birthday.

Each valentine sent on this day of cheer holds a heart beating for Oregon, and hold her banner high this February 14, for she belongs to you, the students of her schools.

FTA Travel To Corvallis

Five students, **Nancy Reith, Judy Hrcha, Barbara Bozanich, Joe Damiano**, and one other to be chosen at a later date, have been elected as representatives to the FTA conference being held in Corvallis, February 10-11. These delegates will leave Friday noon with their adviser, Mrs. Egan, junior English teacher.

Hi-lights of this conference will be a banquet held Friday night, when Theresa Kreaner, National FTA chairman, will present the aims and goals of the Future Teachers, a breakfast for club advisers at 7:30 a. m. Saturday, at the Benton hotel. Margaret Perry, "Teacher of the Year," will be the main speaker at the Saturday morning session.

Oregon has been divided into four geographical regions. Saturday morning all clubs will meet as regional groups and state officers will be elected.

'Disneyland Daze' Theme for Hop

Looney Tunes, Bugs Bunny, and Mickey Mouse will be among the attractions in store for you at the Sophomore Hop "Disneyland Daze" to be held March 9 at Patriots hall.

Linda Williams and **Dick Niemi** are the co-chairmen for the fun-packed affair, assisting them will be **Linda Blomquist**, tickets; **Mel Maki**, clean-up; **Gayle Kass**, decoration; **Sue Rafferty**, refreshments; **Mary Niemi**, entertainment; **Allen Saxberg**, construction; and **Marian Hauke**, invitations.

The admission of the dance will be 25 cents a person and 40 cents a couple.

Construction and preparation for the dance will begin the first of February.

Halderman in Lead

Miss Astoria Halderman, AHS librarian, leads in the contest being sponsored by the Astor Post to discover the student or teacher who has pioneer relatives who were the earliest settlers in Clatsop county.

Miss Halderman's lineage dates back to the year 1843 when her grandfather, John Hobson, arrived in Clatsop county.

AP Staff Members Go to Press Clinic

Astor Post staff members and their adviser will travel to the University of Washington in Seattle on February 23, where they will participate in the All-Coast Press Clinic featuring famous journalists, authors, editors, educators, and experts in the fields of radio, television and public relations on its program.

Paul C. Smith, editor in chief of Collier's Magazine and president of the Crowell-Collier's Publishing company, will fly from New York to Seattle to speak at the All-Coast Press Clinic banquet Friday night.

Featured at the Saturday noon luncheon will be Mrs. Charlotte Groshell, a former Chicago newspaper woman.

More than 1,100 editors and staff members are expected to the conference, with 85 meetings scheduled for the two-day conference.

Students from Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington will be present to exchange ideas and participate in the discussions. The advisers will also talk to the students on various topics.

AHS Delegates to Speak

Bob Ginn and **Dick Puusti**, AP sports editors, will represent Astoria high school on the panel, "How to Improve the Sports Page," and **Arleen Niemi**, Astor Post advertising manager, will be a panel member discussing "How to Improve Advertising Sales." **Miss Curry**, will speak on staff responsibility in a sectional meeting. **Barbara Bozanich**, AP assistant editor, will attend as an official delegate.

Open house will be held at Station KING-TV and KOMO-TV, and guided tours will also be conducted through the Seattle Daily Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

On the lighter side, the students will be entertained at the Friday banquet by Suzuki, a popular singer formerly with the company of "Teahouse of the August Moon," Norm Thorndike, who will present comedy and song, and Johnnie Wittner, a recording artist on the piano.

Honor Society Inducts Students February 14 In Patriots' Hall

HONOR STUDENTS

The newly elected members of the National Honor Society are pictured above

Students will be inducted into the National and Junior Honor society, February 14, in Patriots hall and will soon be participating in another induction ceremony when the Astoria high NHS installs new Honor society chapters at Warrenton and Knappa high school.

The NHS induction will be conducted by Judy Steele, president. She will be assisted by Judy Palmberg, secretary, who will give the history of the organization and explain the meaning of the Honor society pin. Also as a part of the induction ritual, scholarship, character, service, and leadership, which are the qualifications of the Honor society, will be explained by Virginia Curtis, Georgia Moberg, Darlene Aho, and Michelle Greenberg.

Bob Ginn and Sheryl Baker will present the Honor society pins, certificates and membership cards to the new members while Margaret Whitman and Donna Sehorn will assist in the lighting of the candles.

The NHS members are:

SENIORS

Darlene Aho, Sheryl Baker, Ralph Bergstad, Fred Coyle, Virginia Curtis, Bob Ginn, Michelle Greenberg, Georgia Moberg, Arleen Niemi, Judy Olsen, Judy Palmberg, Marilyn Porter, Deanna Sehorn, Judith Steele and Margaret Whitman.

JUNIORS

Juniors are: Kathy Astala, Bob Canessa, Diane Falleur, Fred Hartstrom, Gail Hauke, Judy Hein, Keith Korpela, Evelyn Lewis, Mary Lou Nancy Reith, and Linda Thompson.

The Junior Honor society members will then be inducted and presented with pins and membership cards by their newly elected officers, Ken Wong; vice-president, Arnold Curtis; and secretary-treasurer, Sandra Ranta.

The JHS members are:

SOPHOMORES

Edna Bingham, Linda Blomquist, Eliyn Jock, Arnold Curtis, Allen Cox, Ken Egan, Sharon Ely, June Ferguson, Sarah Hall, Marian Hauke, Darrell Isaacson, Tillie Koljonen, Laurie Mechlenz, Sally Peterson, Susan Rafferty, Sandra Ranta, Ellen Sumida, Helena Uunila, Shirley Verschueren, Dann; Williams, Linda Williams, James Whitman and Ken Wong.

FRESHMEN

Susan Amundsen, Jim Brecht, John Fremstad, Pat Hannu, John Marsch, John Milde, Bruce Pasco, Milja Parks, Kristina Pernu, Hilkka Peritu, Dick Seppa, Hal Snow, JoAnn Storaasli and Donna White.

Warrenton and Knappa students are invited to observe the ceremony to prepare for their own inductions.

Y Delegates Attend Meet

AHS Tri-Hi-Y and HiY clubs will attend a pre-legislative assembly on February 11 at Lewis and Clark college in Portland, Oregon, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. The purpose of the assembly is to learn about state government and how to draw up bills to prepare for the Youth Legislature in May. The Astoria Tri-Hi-Y club is nominating Sheryl Hoagland for house reading clerk.

The other Tri-Hi-Y girls attending are Aina Mae Schenk, delegate, and Joan Blomquist, Judy Hein, Eleanor Olsen, Denyse Sehorn, Marian Hauke, Mary Nell Niemi, and Laurie Nephew, observers. From the list of observers, two girls will be elected to go as alternates to Youth Government in Salem.

The Hi-Y boys going are Tom Wells, Ed Hall, Terry Trout, and Dick Puusti, delegates. Jack Leinenweber and Bill Hanselman are observers.

Margaret Whitman Wins AHS Homemaker Award

Margaret Whitman, senior, has been officially named the "Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" for receiving the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking knowledge and attitudes of senior girls at Astoria high school.

On December 6, 1955, 256,000 senior girls in high schools across the nation took the examination which was sponsored by General Mills. The purpose of the program is to further the dignity and prestige of the American home and to stimulate interest in the art of homemaking.

State Winner to Receive Scholarship

Margaret has received a distinctive H.omemaker of Tomorrow pin, a badge of honor symbolizing that "Home is Where the Heart is". She will now be entered in competition with other high school senior girls from Oregon for the title of All State Homemaker of Tomorrow. The state winner will be awarded a $1,300 college scholarship and an expense-paid educational tour of the nation's capital, Mount Vernon, and Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Her school will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. In each state there will also be a $500 scholarship awarded to the girl rating second highest in her state. Finally the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be chosen from the 49 state winners and awarded a $5,000 college scholarship.

This is the first year that Astoria high school has entered this contest. Should Margaret become the state winner, she would ure her scholarship to attend Whitworth college at Spokane, Wash.

Speech Contest Calls Students

Twelve Astoria high students will travel to McMinnville, Thursday, February 16, to participate in a speech tournament.

Approximately 300 speech students from all parts of the state of Oregon will gather at Linfield college for the annual speech tournament. During the three-day tournament, Astoria students will participate in debate, student congress, both humorous and serious intrepretative reading, salesmanship, extemporaneous speaking and story telling.

Those AHS students who will take part are: **Ed Hall, Billie Spohrer, Gayle Carpenter, Margaret Whitman, Mary Lou Haggbloom, Tom Wells, Alfred Olsen, Donna Smith, Nancy Springer, Neil Morfitt, Judy Hein** and **Nancy Storaasli.**

Rilda Delighted With AHS Gifts

Santa Claus comes every Saturday! So may be the opinion of Rilda Scott. She looks forward throughout the week to Saturday for a group of Astoria high school students who spend their time with her during the afternoon.

So far only $16.22 of the $75.85 has been spent but Rilda has been showered with such fine gifts as a pair of pajamas, a stuffed animal, some children's books, and a book of paper dolls. Gifts have also been given to her brothers so they all can play together.

GL Sponsors Dance

Patriot's hall will be the scene of the King and Queen of Hearts dance February 14, sponsored by the Girls' League.

It was decided at a recent meeting of the Girls' league that the King and Queen would be selected by a drawing of names of the candidates selected by each class. In the past years two girls and two boys were nominated by each class and then the student body would vote for the King and Queen. This year the classes will submit the names of one girl and one boy to represent the class. All of the names will be put in a box and two names will be drawn. These two students will reign as King and Queen of Herats at the noon dance.

PTA Plans Event

"Going, going, gone!" This is what you'll hear at the PTA White Elephant sale on April 16. Co-chairmen of this event are Neil Morfitt and Harry Steinbock.

There will also be a card party along with the sale in which the Future Teachers of America club will be asked to help.

All parents are urged to attend this event.

FHA Groups Meet at OSC

"FHA-ers Face the Future" is the theme of the 1956 FHA conference at Corvallis. Approximately three hundred girls will travel to the Oregon State campus for the conference that begins February 24 and lasts through the 25.

One of AHS's students, **Margaret Whitman**, is this year's state secretary. Two AHS girls besides Margaret will attend the meet accompanied by Mrs. Thorndike. Margaret will be the first to leave for the conference. She will travel by bus on February 22 and lodge at Waldo hall. The other delegates will leave the 23 and will probably be staying in sorority houses.

Last year Margaret and Priscilla Lowe attended the conference.

The highlight of this year's conference will be a formal banquet on Saturday night followed by the installation of next year's officers.

The national Future Farmers of America president, Dan Dunham, ar Oregonian, and the national FHA president, Susan Higby, from Idaho, will be guests at the conference as will the California state FHA adviser.

Council Members Elected

NEW AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

19 Students Re-elected

Election of student council members to serve during the second semester was held in the third period home rooms, January 30.

Newly elected representatives are: **Ron Ozmun**, room 11; **Fred Hartstrom**, room 4; **Sara Eaton**, room 21; and **Judie Smethurst**, room 25.

Re-elected student council members are: **Jon Moberg**, room 2; **Brian Passo**, room 5; **Sandy Hill**, room 19; **Darlene Aho**, room 11; Barbara Bozanich, room 23; **Julie Johnson**, room 24; **Linda Blomquist**, room 26; **Bill Taft**, room 27; **Gary Manners**, room 28; **Mary Nell Niemi**, room 29; **Hilkka Peritu**, room 31; **Suzanne Englund**, room 32; **Joyce Johnson**, room 3.x; **Ted Baumgardner**, wood shop. **Dave Alderman**, machine shop and **Jim Hartill**, Boy's P. E.

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Don't Forget The Sweetheart Ball

Old Leaders Will Retire Leave Memories Of Deeds

February, a month of cool winds and icy streets; February, a month of hearts and valentines—February, the month of democracy and unforgotten leaders.

February 22, 1732, George Washington was born to a wealthy family. While Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, to poverty in a small log cabin.

Both of these men proclaimed democracy; both did much for their country; both strove for the equality of men.

George Washington united the country as one fiery, nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Abraham Lincoln spread a love of mankind throughout the hearts of the nation's people. Lincoln saw the nation grow great. He watched the people nourish and thrive in democracy.

This country had begun as a small group of colonies, declaring their freedom from England. Then it developed, crying for democracy with each plea, lifting the burdens of helpless nations upon its strong shoulders.

God gave this country strength to testify righteousness loudly to lands around the world.

Now this country will change hands again. The old leaders will retire as did Washington and Lincoln, leaving memories of their deeds. New and youthful thinking will prevail. Every boy and girl in this nation's schools today has a needy part in this country's plan.

February, a month of cool winds and icy streets, February, a month of democracy.

"Sweet land of liberty, let freedom ring."

Students Are Buzzing About

Students are buzzing about the Torcher Hole sign over Mrs. Wheeler's door . . . . leap year dance dates . . . . the mixed-up weather . . . . new girls at Liberty theater . . . . new student council representatives . . . . Africa . . . . **Soph Hop** . . . . Sandy's '56 . . . . recent break-ups in age old romances . . . . sweaters . . . . Soph girls' chignons . . . . Shindig party.

Students are buzzing about Job's daughter's . . . . Jr. magazine . . . . Fisherette Service club seating arrangement at games . . . . "A" club jackets . . . . Pepster's Bermuda shorts . . . . "crazy team crazy" . . . . straight A student . . . . **Sweetheart Ball** . . . . out of town boys and AHS girls . . . . Girls' league cooked food sales.

Students are buzzing about the segregation in girls' restrooms . . . . King and Queen of Hearts . . . . the man in Mary Neil's purse . . . . the window Rafferty broke . . . . speed and seating capacity on the bus trip . . . . the surprise death of Gov. Patterson . . . . Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y Youth legislature in Portland . . . . **PTA card games for scholarship money** . . . . fine performance of Pepsters and pep band at Milwaukie . . . . the basketball team's sportsmanship . . . . who the Black Spider is . . . . coffee breaks . . . . Judy Olsen's free food stand on bus trip to Milwaukie.

Why are students buzzing? If somebody took your honey and pector, you'd be buzzing too!

Customs Of Valentines Vary With Different Ages and Times

February 14 is for lovers. In medieval times young people in England, Scotland, and France gathered on St. Valentines Eve. Each person became the "valentine" or the special friend of the one whose name he drew. It is still customary on this date to exchange gifts, many of them heart-shaped, as an expression of affection.

Mard-giran

It is said that in ancient times a peculiar festival, called the Mard-giran, was celebrated in February in Persia in honor of an angel who was considered the guardian of the female sex. On this occasion the females enjoyed the rare privilege for Persia—of absolute power. The husbands obeyed all the commands of their wives; and the girls were permitted to pay their attentions to whom they pleased. The result was the announcement of many engagements and marriages.

In olden times the customs of the day were taken quite seriously by young men and women. People believed that the first person of the opposite sex that one met on that day was to be ones' "Valentine" for the year, perhaps for life.

St. Valentine

As far as can be determined, St. Valentine had nothing to do with the day being named in his honor. It is thought that the customs of the day are a continuation of an Ancient Roman festival.

As far as can be determined St. Valentine had nothing to do with the day being named in his honor and would probably sit up in his grave if he knew.

Steele Travels

Judy Steele, Astoria high senior, traveled to Corvallis recently to participate in classes and discussion groups which were based on problems of leadership.

Judy, who served on an advisory staff for rewriting the 4-H home economics record books, attended the Corvallis meeting with Mrs. Sackie, Brownsmead; Mrs. Joy, Knappa; Mrs. Anderson, Warrenton; and Myron Jones, Astoria. The session started January 24 and lasted until January 27.

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Students Shy But Admit Love

Who is your secret valentine? Everyone has a secret lovey-dovey, though most people don't want to reveal them.

However, there are a few extroverts at AHS who don't seem to mind having their secrets aired in public. Here are a few of these students, listed with their concealed valentines.

Gayle Carpenter: "A certain member of P. U. student body."

Connie Bubnick: "Wait until August and find out." (She's still keeping her valentine a secret for a while, anyway)

Judie Smethurst: "I gave up boys until March 10. I'll give you a hint, though. He is about 6' 2" and wears glasses."

Susan Niskanen: "Mine's a certain guy who drives a green Ford and goes to Central Catholic."

Tommy Stokes: "She's a terrific hula dancer."

Nancy Taival: "It's no secret. Everyone knows it's Marion Brandt."

Mary Nell Niemi: "Well, he has his name in the Astor Post every year."

Bob Bentley: "Mary Nell Niemi (Straight and to the point!)

Susan Rafferty: "He's tall, dark, and extra handsome."

Sonia Halsen: "He has blonde hair and blue eyes, but that's all I'll say."

Gary Manners: She's streamlined, hugs the ground, built for speed, and good in the clutch."

Ralph Norgaard: "She's about 125 pounds and 5 feet 4 inches tall, with deep, blue eyes. Besides all this, she's got a big car."

Jim Lopakka: "5 feet 2, eyes of blue, lips of cherry wine."

Billie Spohrer: "My Colleague."

Jerry Alderman: "Bobby Hendrickson."

Maralee Olsen. "B. T."

This is the way they did it. Left to right: Sue Rafferty, Virginia Curtis, Arlene Niemi, Margaret Whitman, Evelyn Lewis, Marion Hauke, Ralph Bergstad, and Barbara Bozanich.

Nine Student Experts Give Ingredients For Recipe on Straight A Grades

By Sheryl Hoagland and Marian Morrison

Here's a recipe for straight A semester grades given by nine experts, the ones who did get straight A's.

It seems that one of the first things to know is not to study too much. (Four hours per week will do.) This seems strange, but that is what our experts say. However, you should study extra-hard in study hall and listen very attentively in class.

Don't get discouraged and feel that you can't make it, some of our experts didn't quality until they were upperclassmen and many of them have only received straight A's once or twice (of course this doesn't include grade school).

Receiving honors isn't necessary say our board. You don't have to win an essay contest, though it helps, but you should be in National or Junior National Honor Society.

The panel of experts does not agree on the number of extra-curricular activities. Some belong to six or seven clubs, other to one or two. However, they do agree that if you are interested in loads of activities and still want straight A's you should have at least one study hall.

Most of the experts had good grades in grade school, but dont' get discouraged if you didn't do so well clear back there, because some of the panel hav. brought their grades way up since then, and they think you can too.

They like all their subjects, and none of them are too hard. For you people who want to get by without too much work, here are what the board considers easy. You could take civics, choir, journalism, typing, biology, and band. There's a schedule for easy straight A's though it depends on your viewpoint.

It is very important to know, contrary to popular belief, membership in the Torture Hole is not necessary to qualify for the board of straight A students. There is only one honorary member on the panel.

If you still don't think you can make it, you may need brain food. These items range from hamburgers with the works to Chinese food to marshmallow cokes to spaghetti and bacon and eggs. You don't necessarily have to eat all these things at once, but to be really effective you should try one a day.

The panel decided you can pick your own hobbies after stabbling over such items as square dancing, piano, sewing, swimming, and collecting cups and saucers.

After you have followed this recipe to the exast measure and have your straight A cards you should feel shocked, surprised, and very, very happy.

The panel wishes to add a few more words about activities. They agree that you should not belong to so many clubs that they conflict; you should be an officer in at least two clubs. Church clubs are also very important for a well-rounded straight A card.

Of course all recipes can be varied and this one is no exception. The final, and most important ingredient is YOU!

Princesses Await Sweetheart Decision

By MARGARET WHITMAN

Flabbergasted was the word Princess Nancy Sherassi used to express how she felt when she was told she would represent the Forensic club in this year's court. This blond princess likes to listen to "Lisbon Antiqua" and eat steak "with all the trimmings." Some little first or second graders will find going to school fun after Nancy graduates from Pacific Lutheran college.

Pat Ross

The role of princess is a familiar one to the girl chosen by the Hi-Y's, Pat Ross. In her freshman year, Pat was a member of the valentine court at Jefferson high school, where she also helped rule over spring activities, "luring her sophomore year as a member of the junior court. This year she represented the senior class on the Homecoming Court.

This princess, who will be escorted by Larry Battles says, "Who cares about the man of the future? The man of the present is just fine!"

Cathy Osterlund

Chinese food is a favorite of Princess Cathy Osterlund. Cathy, who was a valentine princess in her sophomore year, was surprised when she found out she was a princess. When she represents the Service club at the Ball, she will be escorted by Charles Lindstrom. After graduating she will go into office work here in Astoria. Cathy's pretty particular about her man of the future. She says he must be "just perfect."

Gayle Ross

The A club princess "didn't know what to say" when she was told that she, too, was a member of the Sweetheart court. Princess Gayle, who will be escorted by Keith Korpela, loves Chinese food and when it comes to music you'll find her listening to "Moments to Remember". Plans for the future include secretarial work and a man who likes to dance, is considerate and "just an average guy".

Audrey Moberg

Petite Audrey Moberg was **"shocked"** to learn of her selection as sweetheart candidate by the **Tri-Hi-Y's.** This vivacious little red-head will be escorted the night of the Ball by Bob Clement. After graduating from college A drey plans to work with juvenile delinquents. She is quite demanding in her qualifications for a man. He must be at least six feet, well mannered, even tempered, and must have brown eyes and curly hair and an IQ of at least 140!

Darie Haagland

Wise choice of the Fisherettes is **next little** Darie Haagland. Listening to "Band of Gold" and eating Chinese food tops her list of favorites. Upon learning of her candidacy the freshman princess who will be escorted by Barry Lamnea, was "awfully surprised". Her man of the future must be a "real man" with dark hair and medium heighth.

Gail Hauke

Five-foot two, eyes of blue, describes the Rod and Gun club princess, Gail Hauke. "Oh no!" exclaimed Gail when Mike Howell, who will be her escort, told her she was a princess. The secretary of her junior class, Princess Gail's pet peeve is people who base her about her heighth. When asked to describe her man of the future, Gail replied. "He can't be in the grocery business, and not over seven feet."

Robert's Ramblings

It seems a rare occurence took place at the Rainbow installation of officers the other night. While the audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner," Gary Johnson, (who was standing in the door awaiting his cue to come in) suddenly grew an extra set of arms and began directing the crowed with an air of one who has long been associated with music.

It was especially funny to those who know Gary because he even has trouble playing a musical comb or a radio; the sight of Johnson with one set of hands in his pockets, and another set directing the dignitaries was a little too much.

What actually happened though was that during the singing, little Gary Glascoe came and stood behind Johnson to accomplish the feat.

The question being most discussed around high school is "what next?" That's right. Ever since the fa. ning of that little club so affectionately called the "Torcher Hole Gang" things have been pooping around good old AHS. After the "Torcher Hole Gang" it was the Jungle Bunnies, and now to make matters worse a new and even more terrible club has been formed. This club is called the Gargantua's. Each member is issued a tarzan suit (a leonard skin with one strap over the shoulder)

The Initiation for this club is quite severe. In the first stage of the induction, the hopeful young man is required to hang by his toenails from a hot liehtbulb. If he can pass this difficult feat, he is ready to go into the more advanced classes of Monkey Business.

The young man works hard for the day when he can "receive his final and most honored degree, the title of "Ape," the highest honor a Gargantua can earn. This group consists of reformers. They want to get AHS back to nature and teach more useful things like opening a coconut with one's nose, or the difficult art of peeling bananas, using only the toes.

"Where will it end? Who knows? **Rise up students! Crush this movement** before we are all swinging from trees. See you next issue.

Is This Your Life?

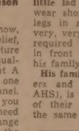
A bristly crewcut replaces the thatch of curly hair on our mystery personality, but the blue eyes and big smile remain the same.

This little boy was always eager to be helpful. One day, after planting flowers in her garden, his mother left to go shopping. Left to his own activity, he decided to weed the newly planted flowers. Upon his mother's arrival home, he led her to the garden, where each and every flower was uprooted, the weeds remained.

Following the example of his father, who left for work each day carrying a lunchpail, he one day packed his own little lunch box full of canned baby food and took off down the street. Luckily his mother caught the rascal four blocks from home.

Always very modest, this shy little lad absolutely refused to wear shorts or show his legs in any way. He became very, very embarrassed if even required to take his shirt off in front of other members of his family.

His family of six, other brothers and sisters (one attends AHS), is unusual in the initials of their names. They all are the same letter. Although this



boy may have presented many problems to his mother, lack of appetite has never been one. He eats everything put before him which has resulted in a husky build. This brawny physique, along with a very likable personality has netted him the position of sergeant-at-arms in his 8th grade and frosh year. He also received the American Legion award during his last year at Lewis and Clark.

He has displayed skill and interest in sports and is on the frosh basketball team and was acting as manager of the frosh football team.

Have these clues given you the identity **"to the life?"** If not, consult the ads.

'Chain Gang' Tops Around Astoria

Here are your top 10 as determined by Juke box and record sales all over the nation.

1. Memories Are Made of This—Dean Martin.
2. Sixteen Tons—Tennessee Ernie.
3. The Great Pretender — The Platters.
4. Lisbon Antigua — Nelson Riddle Orchestra.
5. Band of Gold—Don Cherry.
6. Rock and Roll Waltz — Kay Starr.
7. I Hear You Knockin' — Gale Storm.
8. Dungaree Doll — Eddie Fisher.
9. Love and Marriage — Frank Sinatra.
10. Autumn Leaves — Jackie Gleason Orchestra.

The Crew Cuts are coming into the spotlight with their current version of Angels in the Sky. This tune has been climbing up the ladder steadily and is currently No. 26. Disc jockeys all over the nation are predicting a top hit and I'm inclined to agree with them, with this new version by them.

Gale Storm will be in the top 10 before you know it. After basking in the success of her recent hit "I Hear You Knockin," she has come up with another to take its place. A Teen-Age Prayer" is the name of the number 12 platter.

"Burn That Candle" is another up-and-coming tune by Bill Haley and His Comets. Since the success of "Crazy Man, Crazy," about three years ago, the Comets have made their way slowly up the road to stardom. It's way down in the number 23 spot, but give it a week or two to climb to the top.

Bobby Scott has made a new waxing for ABC Paramount titled "Chain Gang." Here's one that is getting to be a top hit in Astoria.

SPORTS

AHS to Tangle With Gophers Tonight in VCL Competition

Today the Fighting Fishermen of AHS travel to Gresham where they will meet Bud Monne's Gophers in the fourth game in VCL competition. The Gophers are considered one of the most improved ball clubs in the league and can prove to be a real threat to Astoria's 13-3 record.

After losing their first four ball games to teams from the Portland area the Gophers soundly trounced their next seven opponents. Included in this string of victories are wins over the Portland State Frosh, Cleveland and Grant of Portland.

Ralph Norgaard

John Viuhkola

Fishermen Defeat Gresham

Last season the Fishermen defeated the Gresham boys 50-24 and 44-39. However there will be few familiar faces from last years contests. Lack of experience and height hurt Monnes more than any other factor. 6' 5" Max Gerit is the only starter who is over six feet and Harold Entenman 5' 10" forward is the only starter back from last year.

Possible Starters

For AHS the regular five will probably start. At forwards are captain and leading scorer Jim Thompson 6' 3" senior, and Fred Hartstrom 6' 1" junior; at the post position will be either Gary Manners 6' 4" junior or John Viuhkola 6" 2" junior; at the guard position will be Darrel "Chief" Reef 6' 1" junior, and Ralph Norgaard 5' 11" junior.

For Gresham:

Harold Entenman, forward, 5' 11" senior, excellent shot, good rebounder, only man with first string experience.

Schloredt, forward — 5' 11" junior, good feeder, good all-around ball player.

Gerit, center—6' 5" senior, good rebounder, just average for his size.

King, guard—5' 9" senior, ball hawk, good leader, excells in ball handling and driving.

Joy, guard—5' 7" senior, fair shot, could be tough if he is on the marksmen from Milwaukie basket for basket until the closing minutes.

This proved that the Fishermen are not to be taken lightly. This year's squad is not going to let down until the final gun of the final game of the state tournament.

Fishermen Dump Rams

The Fishermen's odds for a tournament bid would still be intact with one more league setback, but any more would dim the AHS hopes.

Astoria's chances to go to state for the seventh straight season will be greatly strengthened if the entire student body shows a full interest in the team and its responsibilities.

VCL Record

	W.	L.	Pct.
Astoria	2	1	.667
Central Catholic	2	1	.667
Milwaukie	2	1	.667
Gresham	1	1	.500
Parkrose	0	3	.000

Scores of Valley Coast league games are as follows:

Astoria 39, Central 37.
Milwaukie 61, Astoria 55.
Central 58, Parkrose 54.
Milwaukie 72, Parkrose 46.
Central 61, Gresham 49.
Astoria 42, Parkrose 39.
Gresham: 57, Milwaukie 56.

Fisherman Chances Good To Place in VCL

"Let's Go State" is the cry that seems to be in the throats of most athletic-minded boosters of AHS. Even though the Fishermen have lost one ball game in league play, the chances for Astoria High to take a first or second in VCL play are very high.

The method by which AHS can qualify for participation in the state Class A Basketball Tournament at Eugene has been changed from the previous district tournaments. District 10 included Seaside, Tillamook, Neahkahnie, Warrenton, Nestucca, and Astoria.

This year the Fishermen will have to place a first or second in the Valley Coast league which consists of Milwaukie, Gresham, Parkrose, Central Catholic, and Astoria.

For the past six years (1950-1955), AHS has won the district tournament but has made only creditable showings in the state tournament.

So far this season the Astoria five looks like a determined team and determination and desire is what will send them to Eugene for the seventh staright season. This season's ball club has set its sights on: first, the VCL championship; and second, the state crown.

To start off this year's league play, the "Dark Horse" Fishermen dumped the favored Central Catholic Rams 39-37. Then they traveled to Milwaukie where the "Fighting Fishermen" lived up to their title as they fought from an 18-10 first quarter deficit to a 42-40 third quarter score. In the fourth stanza the Fishermen matched

Frosh Win

So far this season one of the best records has been posted by the Freamen basketball team. This year's ball-club has gathered a 10-win-four-loss record. This record is one of the best seasons an Fr sh team has had at AHS.

Varsity Coach Ward Paidanius was quoted, "This year's freshman have the best group of big men of all the Frosh teams since I came in '50."

The Frosh team has been led by high scoring, 6 foot center, Gordon Scott and Brian Passo, a 6 foot 1 inch forward who in the past few games has hit in double figures. To round out the starting line-up at forward is Dean Gerit 5 foot 10 inches, Barry Lempen 5 foot 9 inch ball hawk, and Dick Seppa 5 & ot 8 inch playmaker.

This year's ball club is coached by Doug Clark, who is doing an excellent job as can be seen by his fine record.

Fishermen Topple Broncs at Armory

By defeating the Parkrose Broncos 42-39, Astoria's Fighting Fishermen climbed into a three-way first place tie in the Valley Coast league. An upset by Gresham over Milwaukie by one point the same night set the stage for the tie between Milwaukie, Central Catholic, and Astoria.

After trailing by a score of 10-1 in the first quarter, Parkrose fought back to within one point of the Fishermen as the half ended 24-23. Coach Ward Paidanius' crew, however, had to fight from behind in the fourth quarter.

The Portlanders kept in the game via the free throw line, mainly through the efforts of center Ron Walp who potted 10 out of 11. Astoria controlled the backboards throughout most of the game.

Scoring for the Fishermen was evenly distributed as Fred Hartstrom led the attack with 10 counters followed by Darrell Reef with eight. Norgaard and Thompson scored seven each. Viuhkola accounted for six, and Gary Manners had four.

Ron Walp paced the Bronco point makers with 16. The loss entrenched Parkrose deeper into the VCL cellar.

Fishermen Scoring

Thompson	261
Reef	154
Hartstrom	135
Viuhkola	82
Manners	67
Norgaard	46
Canessa	33
Carter	21
Morfitt	11
Johnson	8
Clement	7
Nelson	4

Sports Spot

By NEIL MORFITT

It is surprising how many basketball fans who cheer their lungs out every game don't have any idea of how this interesting game was started. Though it is a little late in the season, we thought you might want to get a little history on this game that takes so much skill to play. Not many fans would have recognized basketball as it is played at its conception if compared to present-day standards.

When Dr. John Naismith introduced basektball in January of 1892 at Springfield, Mass., it was quite a riot. Fans swarmed into the local YMCA gym to watch their favorite teams butcher one another. Today the object of basketball is skill; but in those early days the game was just good training for football Players to keep in shape during the long winter months. Though the players walked onto the court they usually needed assistance to hobble back to the dressing room. Today the refs' whistle is blowing at a constant rate; but in the early days o f the game, fouls were almost unheard of.

The rally girls have gotten a lot of criticism from some of the students throughout the year. We feel that the AHS rooters are the finest in the state. This statement was backed up by the Milwaukie sports announcer when he saw the way our rooting section performed during the Mustang encounter. He praised the Astoria supporters for their fine spirit during that fine game. The team also appreciates this support whole-heartedly. You must also remember that the rally squad and the pepsters train in a sense just as hard as the players. They started practicing steadily many months before school started last fall and they are always striving to improve their techniques. If you ever have any ideas of booing the yell leaders, remember that all their efforts are concentrated on making our rooting section the best there is, and they cannot achieve this goal unless everyone is behind them.

Norgaard Looks Good

During the year we haven't praised any one particular athlete, but we feel that one basketball player in particular has deserved a great deal of credit for his fine playing. The player in question is Ralph Norgaard, a junior guard. Ralph started the year as a substitute and didn't expect to see much action. Due to an unfortunate injury to Bob Clement, Ralph was called upon in the third game of the season against Albany, and he has performed very well. Ralph hasn't scored too much, but he has proved to be an all-around competitor. In praising Norgaard we cannot overlook another credit to our team and school, Dale Johnson. Though Dale hasn't played too much this season, he has proved to be an inspiration to the entire team by his fine attitude and hustle.

Short Shots

Bill Loomis, ace JV guard, picked off 20 rebounds in the last Star of the Sea game . . . A welcome addition to Coach Thompson's junior varsity is **Larry Battles**, Larry, a fine left guard in the football team, was racking up 20 or 25 points a game in the intramural league before he joined the team . . . **Tom Wells** played golf against Ken Nanson, one of OSC's sophomore basketball sensations, while the latter was playing on the Vernonia High golf team two years ago . . . Two freshmen, **Ron Osmus** and **Mike Weinstein**, are handling the managerial chores of the Fingerlings and the JV's respectively. . . . **Ron Walp**, Parkrose basketball star, is a cousin of **Duane LaMarr** . . . Boys are not the only car enthusiast. Helen Copeland, of Cleveland, in Portland, is the proud owner of a 1955 Ford Victoria. An added attraction has joined the ranks. This latest demon is **Bob Canessa** in his hot '40 Chevrolet coupe

Police Dept. Still Tops

The police Department team continued to hold first place in the intramural league, but with the loss of Larry Battles to the Jaycee team this will prove to be a handicap as Battles leads the league in scoring.

At the end of the schedule which ends March 7, there will be a double elimination tournament.

Here are the remaining games for the month of February.

Feb. 14: Lloyds vs. Thrifty.
Police Dept. vs. Steinbocks.
Feb. 15: Lovells vs. Links.
Uptegrove vs. Lions
Feb. 20: Plywood vs. Police Res.
Elks. vs. Harv & Al's
Feb. 23: Lloyds vs. Steinbocks
Police Dept. vs. Links

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AHS Band Provides Dances With Music

"Live Music" is becoming a familiar announcement in connection with noon and after-game dances at AHS. The Melodians, a four-piece dance band, has been rehearsing at least twice a week so that they will be ready to provide music for an evening of dancing.

Co-leaders of the group are Arleen Niemi, who plays the piano and arranges the music for the band, and Dennis McNish, who plays the alto saxophone and the clarinet. Mason Morrisett on trumpet, and Gary Glascoe, on the drums, are the other members of the quartet.

The Melodians buy all of their music and other equipment and rehearse on their own. They really enjoy playing dance music.

The band will no longer be together after the end of this school year because two members of the group will be graduating this spring. Dennis hopes to get into the U. S. Coast Guard academy in Connecticut. He said, "Playing in dance bands is going to be my pin money." Arlene plans to make music her career by attending Willamette university and studying instrumental music. Playing in dance bands will be her sideline.

Gary, a junior, hopes to pay part of his college expense by playing drums. Mason Morrisett, a sophomore, plans to go into music instruction or conduction after he finishes his schooling.

Popular, blues, and swing music are favorites with the band, but in the choice of music they try to keep up with the likes of the students.

THG Recognized

Have you seen anything peculiar about the pep assemblies? Have you noticed a flag waving in the back part of the rooting section? This flag stands for the Torcher Hole Gang which sits in a special section at the assemblies. Earlier in the year the boys put on a skit that had everybody in the gym in an uproar. Recently a few of the gang sang the "Whipenpoof" song on the polio show when someone called in. This group consists of the second period math students.

AHS Helps Talent Show

Several groups of Astoria High students took part in the March of Dimes Talent show held January 24 in the lobby of the John Jacob Astor hotel. Donors called the hotel to place their money and requests for the talent they wanted, and if the people weren't willing to perform, they had to forfeit an amount that would exceed the sum of the ladder.

Among the students participating were **Doris Johnson**, playing "Vio Con Dios" on her accordion, **The Torture Hole Gang**, singing "The Wiffenpoof Song," the **Trumpet Tones**, playing "LaCucaracha" and "Triple Play" and the **Frosh Triple Trio**, singing several numbers. **Gayle Hauke** played a selection on the piano. **Mr. Lind** also took part in the benefit show, singing "Down By the Old Mill Stream," with a group of fellow Lions, and **Mr. Melton** sang "Without a Song."

This show was completely unrehearsed and was broadcast over KVAS.

Teachers Reply

One of the reporters on the staff of the AP recently received letters from two of AHS's former teachers.

Miss Shupe, a fresh English teacher last year, and Harold Withnell, long time band director.

Miss Shupe writes from Portland where she is teaching English and first year French at Lake Oswego high school. The school has 750 pupils (including 8th grade).

Mr. Withnell, now with the Roseburg school system, tells of the 1,300 students in the high school and the large band he has. He enjoys Roseburg but he misses Astoria and his friends here.

Essay Winner Visits AHS

Bill Harrison, whose essay last year won him the trip to New York and the United Nations headquarters, was recently a welcome visitor of Astoria high. Bill, a senior from Rainier, came to AHS to speak to the students in their Social Science classes.

The topic offered was the Oddfellow's Essay contest, in which Bill competed. The contest requires that a person have one or more years of school left, and that he be 16 or 17 years of age. The latter requirements makes it possible for a winner to tour the high schools the next year, as Bill is doing this year.

The essay is to contain not less than 1,000 words, and is to be written on a subject pertaining to the United Nations.

This year's three main topics for the contest are: "My community and World Affairs," "Why I should like to see the United Nations in Action," and "What the U.N. means to me." The final speaking contest is March 31, 1956, and the final draft is due February 29, 1957.

Bill's essay last year won him the trip to New York and the United Nations headquarters. His topic was "Pardners in the U.N."

Harrison and 13 other students from Oregon met with students from British Columbia and Washington to make the trip. The 34 students met in Spokane and proceeded by bus on the 29-day trip.

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